

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 4, lines 8-14, rewrite the paragraph as follows:

Referring to Figure 1, there is indicated generally by numeral 10 a bipolar electrosurgical forceps that is adapted to clamp, seal, desiccate and cut tissue structures in the course of an open surgical procedure, the forceps 10 includes a first forceps half 12 comprising a handle member and a second body or forceps half 14 that are electrically isolated from each other and pivotally joined by a fastener 16. The forceps halves 12 and 14 are preferably fabricated from a metal or plastic and have finger-receiving loops 18 and 20 at a proximal end thereof and jaws 22 and 24 at a distal end thereof.